

HOUSE RESOLUTION 84  
By Langster

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Marvin T. Posey, Jr. of  
Clarksville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Marvin T. Posey, Jr., a gifted painter and performance artist; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Posey was a kind man with a special talent who touched others, helping them to experience, through his palette, the broad strokes of possibility in this world; and

WHEREAS, famous for his renderings of jazz and blues musicians, Mr. Posey also painted themes of romance, abstracts and landscapes reminiscent of the works of Matisse, Picasso, Monet and Mondrian, and in recent years he became a performance artist, regularly painting to music in stirring, live performances; and

WHEREAS, Marvin T. Posey, Jr. was born on August 28, 1964, in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and as his father was a Captain in the Army, Marvin Posey, Jr. had the opportunity to travel throughout the United States before his family settled in Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, upon his graduation from Clarksville High School in 1982, Mr. Posey enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve program for one year before matriculating at Austin Peay State University on a double scholarship in football and art; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Marvin Posey, Jr. joined the U.S. Army; he served his country with great valor throughout his tour of duty in Korea and was discharged in 1989; and

WHEREAS, upon his return to the United States, Mr. Posey began to pursue a career as an artist, an endeavor that would prove to be of great value to the many people who had the significant pleasure of experiencing his remarkable expressions of beauty and life; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Posey's work has been exhibited in many major metropolitan areas, including New Orleans, Atlanta, Nashville, Memphis, Minneapolis and San Francisco, and in 1997, he was named "Alumni of the Year" by Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Posey was also deeply devoted to his family, sharing both love and companionship with his parents, Marvin T. Posey, Sr. and Annie L. Posey, and his sister, Angela Posey-Jefferies, and always endeavoring to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Marvin T. Posey leaves behind an indelible legacy of artistry and beauty in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional artist; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, xthat we honor the memory of Marvin T. Posey, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his great talent and many contributions to art as a painter and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Posey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.